PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 7140

Thomas MATTHEWS et al.

Group Art Unit: 2143

Application No.: 10/084,913

Examiner: J. Jean Gilles

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For: NETWORK MANAGEMENT METHOD AND TOOL

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 19, 2006

Sir:

Applicant(s) petition for an extension of time for three (3) months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 19, 2006 from September 19, 2006 to December 19, 2006.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the fee discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted.

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